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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 May 2006 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/18/2006.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1-22 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1, in line 10, the recitation "ori-entation" should read --orientation--.

Claim 4, in line 2, the recitation "imag-ing" should read --imaging--.

Claim 7, in line 3, the recitation "struc-ture" should read --structure--.

Claim 11, in line 3, the recitation "con-sist" should read --consist--.

Claim 13, in line 2, the recitations "appare-tus" and "stru-cture" should read --apparatus-- and --structure--; in line 6, the recitation "in-cludes" should read --includes--; in line 8, the recitation "ro-tated" should read --rotated--.

Claim 19, in line 2, the recitation "posi-tion" should read --position--.

Claim 20, in line 2, the recitation "posi-tion" should read --position--; in line 3, the recitation "essen-tially" should read --essentially--.

Claims 16-22 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim 16. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 16-22 not been further treated on the merits. Additionally claim 16 depends on itself.

The claims 1-22 are objected to because they include reference characters which are not enclosed within parentheses.

Reference characters corresponding to elements recited in the detailed description of the drawings and used in conjunction with the recitation of the same

element or group of elements in the claims should be enclosed within parentheses so as to avoid confusion with other numbers or characters which may appear in the claims. See MPEP § 608.01(m).

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 7, 8, 11 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 7, the phrase "like 1-5 cm" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase "like" are part of the claimed invention.

Claim 8 recites the limitation "the distance from the focus" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Regarding claim 11, the phrase "may" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase "may" are part of the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 14, the phrase "may be rotated" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase "may be" are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McKenna (US Patent Application Publication 2005/0100129 A1).

With respect to claim 1, McKenna teaches a mammography imaging apparatus, (see Figs. 1-4) comprising an essentially vertically standing body part and an arm structure in connection with it, being turnable with respect to a horizontal rotating

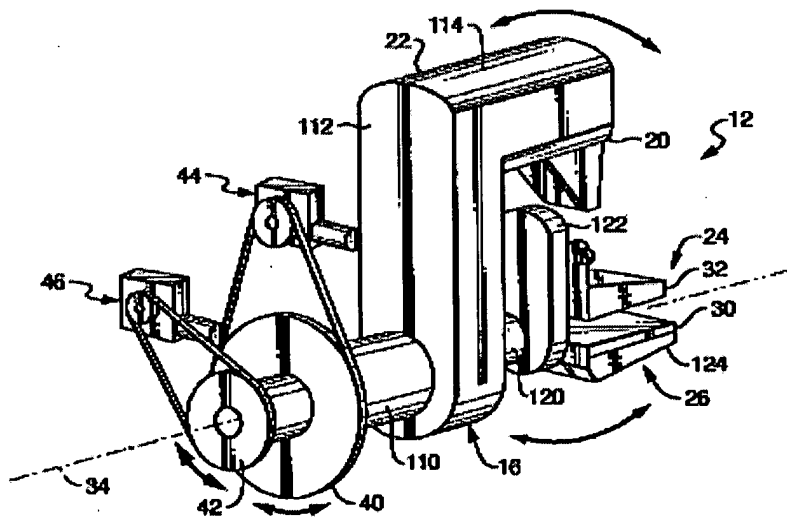


FIG. 3

axis

(34), a radiation source

(20) on one hand and image data receiving means (30) on the other hand being placed

at essentially opposite ends of the arm structure, which arm structure includes at least two arm parts (22 and 26) orientating essentially parallel and means for changing the mutual orientation of at least a first and a second of the at least two arm parts, wherein the apparatus includes first means (40 and 44) for turning at least the first arm part (22) around a horizontal axis and that to the second arm part (26) is arranged second means (42 and 46) with help of which, when turning the first arm part (22), it is possible both to maintain the orientation of the second arm part (26) with respect to the first arm part (22) and to turn the second arm part (26) in a different direction and/or at a different angular velocity with respect to the movement of the first arm part (22) (see paragraphs 0020, 0022 and 0029).

With respect to claim 2, McKenna teaches that a first actuator (40 and 44), which construction is arranged for turning the arm structure as a whole with respect to a horizontal axis (34) (Fig. 3; paragraph 0029).

With respect to claim 3, McKenna teaches that second means contain construction containing a second actuator (42 and 46) for turning the arm parts (26) with respect to at least one other arm part (22) (Fig. 3; paragraph 0029).

With respect to claim 4, McKenna teaches that the arm part (22) contains a radiation source (20) of the imaging apparatus and the second arm part (26) contains means for receiving image data (30) (Figs. 1-4; see paragraphs 0020 and 0021).

With respect to claim 5, McKenna teaches that the second actuator (42 and 46) is arranged to the second arm part (26) (Fig. 3; see paragraph 0029).

With respect to claim 6, McKenna teaches that the second arm part (26) contains a lower shelf structure having at least an essentially planar upper surface, essentially in direction of its pivot axis (see Figs. 1-4).

With respect to claim 7, McKenna teaches that the pivot axis of the second arm part (26) is arranged at a small distance (see Figs. 1-4).

With respect to claim 8, McKenna teaches that the dimensions of the arm structure are arranged such that when the arm parts (22 and 26) are orientated essentially parallel (see Figs. 1-4).

With respect to claim 9, McKenna teaches that the pivot axis of the second arm part (26) is arranged to coincide with the pivot axis of the first arm part (22) (see Figs. 1-4).

With respect to claim 10, McKenna teaches that the second arm part (26) contains a compression structure (24), which positions the tissue to be imaged into the imaging area (see paragraphs 0022 and 0024).

With respect to claim 11, McKenna teaches that the compression structure contains an upper compression plate and a lower compression plate, the second arm part (26), which contains the image data receiving means (30) (Figs. 1-4; see paragraphs 0022 and 0024).

With respect to claim 12, McKenna teaches that the imaging apparatus includes a control arrangement via which the said actuators M, M' are arranged to be programmatically drivable.

With respect to claim 13, McKenna teaches a method for turning an arm structure of a mammography imaging apparatus, which arm structure comprises a vertical base part and a structure in connection with it that is turnable with respect to a horizontal rotating axis (34), which structure has on one hand a radiation source (20) and on the other hand image data receiving means (30) located essentially at the opposite ends of it, which arm structure includes at least two arm parts orientating essentially parallel, and means for changing mutual orientation of at least a first and a second of the at least two arm parts, wherein while the first arm part (22) is rotated around a horizontal axis, the second arm part (26) is rotated either in the same direction at a different angular velocity, or in the opposite direction (see paragraphs 0020, 0022 and 0029).

With respect to claim 14, McKenna teaches that the first arm part is rotated by the actuator (Fig. 3; see paragraph 0029).

With respect to claim 15, McKenna teaches that the second arm part is rotated by an actuator integrated to the arm part (Fig. 3; see paragraph 0029).

Conclusion


6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Irakli Kiknadze whose telephone number is 571-272-2493. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on 571-272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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